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TO: GENERAL WEYAND

FROM: AL HAIG

INFO: ADMIRAL MOORER

ARMY review completed.

We have been informed that MACV has turned down the proposal for the update of earlier studies done by David Elliott on the Viet Cong. These earlier studies were done under the auspices of Rand during 1965 and 1967. The update study is considered very important by the NSC as a contribution to our current knowledge on VCI strength and activities. All elements of the bureaucracy here have supported continuation of Elliott's study, to include the Department of Defense. We are informed that the study was disapproved over signature of General Dolvin and we would be most anxious to obtain a reversal of your position on it.

I apologize for employing this channel but since all parties favor the study, I believe the best way to resolve the issue is through this informal channel.

Trip to Saigon was most beneficial to all concerned and I am confident that except for a few sticky areas most issues will be resolved in terms of your best interests.

Best regards.

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